

Cas 7280&amp;C2

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of :  
**CHANCHAL KUMAR GHOSH, et al** :  
Serial No. 10/047,689 : Group Art Unit 1751  
Filed 15 January 2002 : Examiner E. Elhilo  
For **CLEANING COMPOSITIONS** :  
CONTAINING MULTIPLY-  
SUBSTITUTED PROTEASE  
VARIANTS

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MMT  
3-31-04

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.112

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on 20 March 2003, please amend the above-captioned case as follows, and consider the subsequent Remarks. The Applicants further request consideration and entry of the Request for Continued Examination submitted herewith. The Applicants hereby petition the Office for a three-month extension of time in which to prosecute the present application. In this respect, the Applicants hereby authorize the Office to charge any and all necessary fees, and credit any overpayment thereof, to maintain the pendency of the present application to the Applicants Deposit Account, Number 16-2480.